

## CARRANZA LEADER SENDS 500 TROOPS AFTER BANDITS

### Bulletin

El Paso, Texas., Jan. 13.—Twelve more Americans, including two women, are reported to have been murdered by Mexican bandits. Madera, Chihuahua, was the scene of this latest massacre.

Chihuahua, Jan. 13 (Delayed).—Gen. Jacinto S. Trevino, commander-in-chief of Carranza troops here, yesterday sent 500 men in pursuit of bandits who massacred 16 American citizens 35 miles from Chihuahua. They were ordered to show no mercy to murderers.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 13. — Excitement in El Paso was raised to fever heat today when special train bearing bodies of Americans massacred by Villista soldiers reached Juarez.

At same time reports were received that Bart Kramer, son of a rancher in Chihuahua, had been killed.

A mob of enraged mining men sought to find Gen. Jose Ynez Salazar, former Mexican army leader, who was staying at an El Paso hotel, but who evidently was smuggled out of the city. Police and deputies surrounded the hotel early today to fight off mob in event of an attack.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Carranza's government in Mexico was on trial today, facing its first crucial test. Upon its ability or inability to punish murderers of 19 foreigners wantonly massacred at Santa Ysabel depended future course of the U. S.

President and state department awaited word from Carranza regarding steps being taken to capture the "perpetrators of the dastardly crime." There was every indication Carranza would seek to satisfy this government. Carranza's legation here has assured full compliance with Sec'y Lansing's suggestions.

President Wilson is not heeding inflammatory suggestions of armed intervention. There is no change in

his policy to rely upon Carranza government for satisfaction.

Intervention remains as last emergency recourse if conditions become decidedly worse and Carranza's impotence conclusively demonstrated.

## —o—o—o— WAS VILLA'S FEELING AGAINST WATSON CAUSE OF MURDERS?

New York, Jan. 13.—Gen. Villa's personal animosity against C. R. Watson, whom he believed to have interfered with his ambition to be recognized by U. S. as provisional president of Mexico, is said by some of the mining men here to have been the driving motive of the Chihuahua tragedy — murder of 16 Americans taken off a train by Villa adherents and lined up and shot. Watson was among the number.

Mr. Watson; as chairman of group of operators, most of whom are classified as independents, was aggressive and able. He had much to do with relations of group to Mexican rulers. In varying fortunes of the leaders he became well known to them.

Story goes that at the time Gen. Hugh L. Scott was holding parleys with Villa in the middle of bridges Villa expected full recognition. It was his custom to boast that certain pledges had been made to him by Gen. Scott. When U. S. recognized Carranza rage of Villa knew no bounds and it is currently reported that among the objects of his hatred was Watson. Villa, it is said, got the impression that Watson had undermined him with American authorities. Resentment against U. S. and its citizens flamed high and circumstances were aggravated by recent efforts, in which Mr. Watson was director, for opening up mines.

## —o—o—o— TELEGRAPH BRIEF

Washington.—2 pronounced earthquake shocks recorded early today on Georgetown University's seismographs. Estimated disturbance 2,700 miles distant.